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**Solicitation Information
March 4, 2016**

ADDENDUM # 1

RFP # 7550280

**TITLE: FURNITURE CHEMISTRY AND FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER,
UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND**

Submission Deadline has been postponed until:

Friday March 11, 2016 at 11:30 AM (Local Time)

Note to vendors:

**Attached is the sign in sheet from the mandatory pre bid conference held
on 2/23/2016**

**Attached includes questions received with responses and substitutions
requests, excel format for pricing and CAD files**

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*Interested parties should monitor this website, on a regular basis, for any additional information that may be
posted*



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"MANDATORY" PRE-BID CONFERENCE SIGN IN SHEET

Mandatory Pre-bid Conference: Any vendor who intends to submit a bid proposal in response to this solicitation must have its representative attend this mandatory prebid conference, sign, and complete all required information on this Sign-In Sheet. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in the rejection of any bid proposal.

BID NUMBER	7550280
BID TITLE	IT Services - New Company
PRE-BID DATE AND TIME	2/23/16 1:00 PM

Purchasing Representative	
Mandatory Pre-bid START TIME	
Mandatory Pre-bid END TIME	

COMPANY NAME	COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE	SIGNATURE	ADDRESS	CONTACT EMAIL	CONTACT PHONE NUMBER AND FAX NUMBER	PROPOSAL SUBMITTED (For Purchasing Use Only)
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University of Rhode Island
Furniture Package
New Center for Chemistry & Forensic Science
Kingston, Rhode Island

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The attention of Bidders submitting Bid Proposals for the subject project at The University of Rhode Island is called to the following addendum to the **INVITATION TO BID**. The items set forth herein, whether of omission, addition, substitution, or clarifications are all to be included in and form a part of the proposal submitted.

This addendum modifies and becomes a part of The University of Rhode Island Furniture Package - New Center for Chemistry & Forensic Science – Bid Package dated January 05, 2016 as indicated below.

All work called for shall comply with requirements for similar work unless otherwise specified.

This Addendum includes the following:

GENERAL

This Addendum includes furniture modifications to drawings and specifications. Drawing modifications may include new drawings, reissued drawings, and sketches showing revisions to existing drawings or written descriptions of revisions to existing drawings or specifications.

Notification to Bidders:

Procurement and Contracting Requirements:

General Requirements:

FURNITURE

Specifications:

No revisions

Drawings:

No revisions

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BIDDER QUESTIONS

Q1. How will the evaluation committee determine suitability of proposed alternates?

A1. *The suitability of the proposed alternates will be determined with regard to the overall bid proposals and the established furniture budget within the Project Budget.*

Q2. Will bidders have to bid every category?

A2. *The Bidders are not required to bid every category.*

Q3. Will bidders be required to bid all items in category?

A3. *All items within a specific category require bid pricing from the Bidder.*

Q4. Will awards be given by line item or total category?

A4. *Bid awards will be by total category.*

Q5. Does use of Domestic steel refer to building construction or will it include furniture?

A5. *The furniture is not subject to the Domestic Steel requirements identified in the Instructions to Bidders.*

Q6. May a vendor bid only a Deduct Alternate #3, without providing bids for veneer workstation and storage options?

A6. *No. Base bid must also be provided.*

Q7. Who will own building during installation?

A7. *The building construction is scheduled to be substantially complete with a certificate of occupancy by mid-March 2016. Ownership of the building will transfer to the State and The University at that time.*

Q8. Will walls be properly constructed and blocked to support wall mounted storage?

A8. *The walls have been properly constructed in accordance with the construction documents. Blocking has been provided within the wall construction in anticipation of the furniture installation and generally in accordance with the furniture design/layout.*

Q9. The Faculty office-Custom page states no visible pulls or decorative hardware. Does that mean any type of visible pull-applied or inset-is not allowed?

A9. *All pulls shall be integral. Attached pulls are not allowed.*

Q10. Will current AutoCAD drawings be provided to the winning bidder for layout purposes?

A10. *Yes. AutoCAD formatted drawings/files will be provided to the awarded Bidders for layout purposes.*

Q11. Under Bid Category 04 Seating –Lab there are chairs-non-magnetic, stools-non-magnetic, and step stool –non-magnetic. Shouldn't they be in their own category or maybe moved to category 11?

A11. *No. Bid Category 04 to remain as constituted.*

Q12. Are lead times required to be submitted with bid?

A12. *Yes.*

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Q13. Can CAD drawings be provided for space planning?

A13. *Yes. Files are attached to and part of this addendum.*

Q14. Can the bid format be sent in an excel spreadsheet?

A14. *Yes. The Bid Form will be made available as an attachment to and part of this addendum.*

Q15. Item YCRL-1: Wilsonart has confirmed Olive Legacy 4654-60 and Pearl Silver LS D487-07 are special requests and require a lead time that may extend past the installation completion date of June 3. Is it possible to have standard Wilsonart laminates as an alternate?

A15. *Yes, standard Wilsonart laminates may be priced as an alternate, however the standard laminate must "equal" to the laminate originally specified.*

Q16. Is it possible to use painted steel work surface supports in place of plastic laminate?

A16. *Yes, painted steel work surface supports are acceptable in place of plastic laminate EXCEPT where the support is fully visible. Refer to Section K/detail drawing F3.1 for required location of plastic laminate support.*

Q16a. Is 3MM edge banding acceptable at counter edges in lieu of T-molding? If not, the outside corner must be radius. And the detail for the nosing at the inside corner becomes questionable.

A16a. *Yes, 3MM edge banding is acceptable at counter edges for item YCRL-1, YCRL-2 and YCRL-3.*

Q16b. For the corner units- are stack-able units acceptable? If not, a detailed drawing for is required by the architect before we are comfortable quoting.

A16b. *Stackable units are acceptable for item YCRL-1, provided the following requirements are satisfied: Seams are not obvious; the stacked units are flush with one another and secure in their placement; the stacked units satisfy all requirements for the corner tower as detailed in Drawing F3.1, including but not limited to, cord management and provision of power/tel/data receptacles.*

Q16c. Lastly, more of a qualification: This project requires field installation- not merely assembly of furniture. We would manufacture counters long for field scribe and field notching of columns.

A16c. *This is an acceptable approach.*

Q16d. We would not manufacture specific lengths for each room which may vary.

A16d. *This is an acceptable approach.*

Q16e. The full rear panel as shown is not necessary. Is a wall attachment acceptable or do they absolutely want a full panel?

A16e. *No full panel is necessary at the rear of YCRL-1.*

Q17. Item YOFF: Is the FSC Certified required for the furniture to obtain LEED points? Does it have to be FSC?

A17. *The FSC Certification will not be used for LEED purposes. FSC Certification is encouraged to demonstrate the use of environmentally responsible materials, however, a proposed product line that does*

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not have FSC Certification shall be acceptable so long as other accepted indicators of environmental responsibility are included with the bid.

Q18. We are asking the University of Rhode Island to accept AIS's Matrix system as an alternate for systems furniture on the URI Chemistry Building bid. AIS's Matrix is a high quality panel based system. Enclosed with this letter please find copies of the Matrix brochure and technical specification document.

A18. *AIS Matrix is an acceptable substitute provided the line can meet all of the requirements outlined in the drawings and specifications.*

Q19. We would like to request additional time for the bid submittal upon acceptance of this alternate request. If alternates are accepted, we will not have enough time to submit a bid.

A19. *See F.W. 10/16/15*

Q20. Is US Steel required for the furniture?

A20. *The furniture is not subject to the Domestic Steel requirements identified in the Instructions to Bidders.*

Q21. Can CAD plans be submitted prior to bid? This is to verify layouts for private offices for pricing purposes.

A21. *Yes. Files are attached to and part of this addendum.*

Q22. Can an Excel copy of the pricing summary be sent for the bid pricing submittal?

A22. *Yes. File is attached to and part of this addendum. The Bidder is responsible for verifying all formulas and calculations on these Quotation Summary sheets/files. The Owner assumes no responsibility as to the accuracy of the formulas within the Excel files.*

Q23. Substitutes Requests:

a. Chair-Guest : CG-za, CG-zb

Substitute Request - Allseating Inertia (3-4 Week Lead Time)

A23a. *Yes, this is an acceptable substitute.*

b. Chair – Public: CP

Substitute Request – Source International Zag – Local Manufacturer in Shrewsbury, MA, (4-6 Week Lead Time)

(Note: Bid Spec of Kusch (Germany) 8-12 Week Lead Time)

A23b. *No. This is not an acceptable substitute.*

c. Chair – Task: CT

Substitute Request – Sit on It Wit, warrantied @ 300lb., Highback, seat slider, height and width adjustable arms, (3-4 Week Lead Time)

A23c. *No. This is not an acceptable substitute.*

d. Chair – Multi-Use: CX-za, CX-zb

Substitute Request – National Jiminy

A23d. *Yes, this is an acceptable substitute, however dealer MUST CONFIRM that width of front legs meet requirements outlined in the specification to ensure the chair fits at item TL.*

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e. Stool-Public ST-P

Substitute Request –Source International Zag - Local Manufacturer in Shrewsbury, MA, (4-6 Week Lead Time)

(Note: Bid Spec of Kusch (Germany) 8-12 Week Lead Time)

A23e. *No. This is not an acceptable substitute.*

f. Table-Modular TM-1 and TM-2

Substitute Request-Herman Miller Everywhere

A23f. *Yes, this is an acceptable substitute.*

g. Desk-Custom YD-1 and Faculty Office-Custom YOFF

Substitute Request – BRC Canada - Specializing in Laminate and Wood Desking

A23g. *Yes, this line is an acceptable substitute provided the line can meet all of the requirements outlined in the drawings and specifications.*

Q24. The Instructions to Bidders indicates the requirements for prevailing wage rates. Is this Project subject to prevailing wage rates?

A24. *No. The furniture installation is not subject to prevailing wage rates.*

Q25. The bid documents indicate a Bid Category 12 for Trash Receptacles but there is no product information provided. Can product information be provided?

A25. *Bid Category 12 Trash Receptacles has been deleted from the Project.*

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